

REMARKS

Drawings

The Examiner noted a missing reference number in Fig. 5. The Applicant has amended Fig. 5 to include reference number 100. The Applicant has also amended Fig. 3 to include a "break" line on the left end, near the lateral edges of 122 and 134. The break line indicates that only a portion of the illustration is represented. No new matter is entered. Replacement sheets for Figs. 3 and 5 are enclosed and marked as such.

Specification

In the specification, the Examiner objected to paragraph [0017] due to an incorrect reference numeral. The Applicant has corrected paragraph [0017], line 2, changing "20" to "18" for the 'opening'.

Claims

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watari. The Applicant has cancelled claim 1.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended claims 2-6 to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 7 remains dependent upon allowable claim 6.

The Examiner rejected claims 8, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dange et al. The Applicant has cancelled claims 8, 9 and 10.

The Examiner rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watari. The Applicant has cancelled claim 11.

The Examiner objected to claims 12-17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that claims 12-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended claims 12-16 to include all of the limitations of claim 11. Claim 12 remains dependent upon allowable claim 16.

The Examiner rejected claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, "while being enabling for a box-beam parcel shelf, does not reasonably provide enablement for the box shape defined with no extraneous panel material". The Applicant has amended Fig. 3 to indicate that only a portion of what is illustrated in Fig. 2 is shown in Fig. 3. The Applicant has also amended claims 18 and 19 to use the same language as is used in the specification to keep consistent the distinction between a panel and a panel member. This important distinction is described in the specification at paragraph [0027], lines 7 through 13. A panel member, as now recited in claims 18 and 19 and as described in paragraph [0027], is a sub-part of a panel. The edge of the panel member is not necessarily the edge of the panel. The panel members are preferably sub-portions of the metal panels that make up the parcel shelf 120 and shelf member 130. Now that claims 18 and 19 are amended to contain language consistent with this distinction, the claims are allowable over §112.

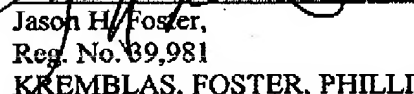
The Examiner also rejected claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watari. The Applicant has amended claims 18 and 19 to depend from allowable claim 12.

The Applicant has added claims 20, 21, 22 and 23, which are substantively identical to amended claim 18 and depend from allowable independent claims 13, 14, 15 and 16, respectively.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the claims at issue are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3393 for any insufficient fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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